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Photo by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

A temporary extra lane (above) was constructed in February at Hurlburt Field's main gate; next month a permanent fourth outbound lane and third inbound lane will be constructed to permanently improve traffic flow issues there.

## Main gate construction to improve traffic flow

By Master Sgt. Stuart Camp  
Public Affairs

Relief is in sight for commuters traveling on U.S. Highway 98, as contractors will break ground next week on two new traffic lanes at Hurlburt Field's main gate.

In December, officials in the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron began working on a plan to alleviate morning traffic snarls for east-bound travelers.

First Lt. Jason Aftanas is the base's lead engineer for the work scheduled to begin Monday by Fort Walton Beach's N.W. F. Contractors, Inc.

The \$135,000 project, which is expected to be complete in 75 days, will add one lane for in-bound travelers and allow for two lanes of outbound traffic headed west to Hwy. 98. The change will cut down on the cones, decrease confusion and increase safety, Lieutenant Aftanas said.

Since January, 16th Security Forces Squadron gate guards have closed one of the outbound lanes from 6 to 8 a.m. weekdays to expedite morning traffic flow into the base.

John Carruth, 16th CES deputy commander, said "It's worked great, but it's not an ideal situation."

On Tuesday morning, although traffic was moderate, hundreds of vehicles bottlenecked at the gate. The vehicle inspection lane was constantly filled, and gate guards had to negotiate the flow of incoming commuters and the occasional lost driver.

"It only gets worse when it rains," said Myron Harrison, a USProtect gate guard. Flooding along

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## Firefighter named one of AF's 12 outstanding Airmen

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen  
19th SOS

A 16th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter earned the prestigious honor of being named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2004.

Colonel O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, surprised Senior Airman Amber Turek at a short-notice "safety brief" with the good news June 15.

"This is one of the greatest things that has ever happened to me," Airman Turek said. "I have always tried to come to work with a positive attitude and give 100 percent, but I really owe my success to the other firefighters work with."

"Everything I have accomplished has been as part of the firefighter team," said the Chicago



Photo by Staff Sgt. Holly Wangelin

Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, presents Airman Turek with a coin.

Photo by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp  
Senior Airman Amber Turek, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, was named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

native, who joined the Air Force to become a firefighter.

According to her nomination package, Airman Turek provided unmatched rescue crew emergency services to base members at Hurlburt Field and Misawa Air Base, Japan. She personally responded to more than 100 calls, while protecting \$4.2 billion in Air Force assets.

Her accomplishments are many. Most notably while assigned to Misawa, Airman Turek was credited with personally saving two lives. Her quick thinking and application of medical treatment after responding to a vehicle accident resulted in saving a seriously injured passenger's life.

Her skills were truly tested when she responded to a coma-

tose victim. Her ability to quickly evaluate and treat the individual not only saved his life, but kept him from suffering any long-term health problems.

She was also part of a response team that quickly contained a fire in military family housing preventing the catastrophic loss of a unit valued more than \$100,000.

While here, Airman Turek expertly led firefighting efforts operations during a major gas leak, in which 100 members were evacuated.

In addition, she gave up off-duty time to be a key speaker during annual Fire Prevention Week school activities. Approximately 200 school children benefited from her knowledge attitude.

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## Open Line

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**Col. O.G. Mannon**

## Too much reserved parking

**Comment:** I would like to know why there are so many reserved parking spots in the 16th Special Operations Wing Headquarters/military personnel flight's parking lot. It appears that as more parking spots become available, the more reserved spots appear. More often than not, the majority of these reserved spots sit empty while MPF/finance customers are forced to walk further.

I've been often told that there is a policy/Air Force Instruction that dictates how many reserved spots can be in a

parking lot. That's why most units have done away with their CGO/SNCO/NCO/ Airman of the Year parking spots.

**Response:** Our base civil engineers are in the process of conducting a base-wide inventory of all reserved parking spaces. When complete, it will be compared with the approved listing of reserved parking and the Reserved Parking Policy, *Hurlburt Field Instruction 31-204, Attachment 4*.

Any additional reserved parking spaces discovered will be removed, to include around the 16th SOW Headquarters building. You should see some adjustments to the reserved parking situation in the near future.

# Respect religious beliefs of all Airmen

**By Gen. John Jumper**  
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Every Airman needs to respect every other Airman and be a good wingman.

Air Force leaders and commanders have continued to emphasize the importance of mutual respect.

Commanders must be alert to the issue of religious respect throughout our Air Force.

The acting secretary has asked commanders across our Air Force bring the following principles into their cross-check:

- The bedrock of what makes us Airmen is our core values. Our Core Values, as they have in the past with other issues of culture and climate, should guide commanders when it comes to matters of religion. Imbedded in integrity, service, and excellence is the principle of respect for us, our Air Force and its values and each other.

- Respect, in this case, means ensuring respect for all Airmen and their family members and their right to hold to any belief system they choose – this is the responsibility of every Air Force commander and leader. This includes respecting an Airman's right to align with traditional religious views as well as his/her right to not align with any specific view.

- We have the honorable privilege of upholding a constitution that protects each American's right to freely exercise their religion and forbids the government's establishment of religion.

Religion in the public realm is an issue that has generated discussion and debate across the country. We're not going to resolve this debate to everyone's satisfaction. But, commanders do have operational responsibilities to uphold our core values and comply with existing guidance. Like many aspects of command, there's no comprehensive list of dos and don'ts for religious respect. It's an issue that requires prudent judgment, guided by resources available to assist.

First, take this opportunity to meet with your senior chaplain and your judge's advocate to review Department of Defense and Air Force guidance on this subject.

Second, be sensitive to behavior of our Airmen of all ranks. You'll have no difficulty recognizing some behaviors as blatantly wrong. Epithets and disparaging remarks about another person's religion are unacceptable

and should be corrected on the spot.

More subtle are other well-intentioned expressions of personal religious belief, which must be viewed within the context of the situation and require the exercise of mature judgment. In no event, however, should one's expressions of personal belief be allowed to appear overbearing.

Senior leaders, commanders and supervisors at every level must be particularly sensitive to the fact that subordinates can consider your public expressions of belief systems coercive. Using your place at the podium as a platform for your personal beliefs can be perceived as misuse of office. Where, when and how you espouse your beliefs is important. Use your best judgment and show your Airmen the respect you want to receive.

Our Air Force consists of Airmen from a wide variety of backgrounds, cultures and belief systems; we benefit from the diverse talents they bring to air and space power.

Installation commanders should also know what outside groups are invited to enter and operate on their base. For instance, outside religious organizations must operate under the umbrella of your senior chaplain's program.

Installation commanders are to be personally involved in the review of advertisements of religious events on their installations, or events that could be perceived as religious, so as to not create the impression of command endorsement of any one particular belief system. Perceptions are often as important as reality.

Enforce the proper use of government e-mail and other official communications. Indiscriminate use of mass e-mail address lists to send notices that may espouse a particular religious view, or to market a discrete religious event, is inappropriate.

None of these sensitivities should be viewed as limiters to the healthy discussion and debate that should be characteristic of young men and women in the profession of arms, a profession that requires serious attention to the inner strength and courage our mission demands. As air and space power leaders, we should be fostering an environment where Airmen are openly and respectfully discussing issues of character and spirituality.

Use this guidance to focus your energies on this important aspect of our common Airman culture. I'm honored to be serving with you in our Air Force, an Air Force getting better every day.

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## DUI Tracker



June 17-23: 1 DUI

This year: 13

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Communications Squadron, June 19

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...41

16th MXG...21

16th MSG...4

16th MDG...184

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of June 23.

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 311



## Meet the New Commander

### Maj. Douglas Hardman

**Organization:**  
16th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Hometown:**  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

**Off-duty time is for:**  
Spending time with my family, helping the kids with homework and outdoor activities.

**Previous Assignment:**  
Mission Support Group deputy commander (data masked)

**Organizational Goals:**  
Hurricane clean up, the heavy construction load, housing privatization and UTCs.

**Work Philosophy:**  
Mission first!  
Delegate and empower. Keep things simple. Keep meetings short. Be proactive.

## 2005 hurricane season expected to be stormy

By Master Sgt. Orville Desjarlais, Jr.  
Air Force Print News

**SAN ANTONIO** — Forty years may seem like a long time, but not long enough for people in Florida.

The 2004 season was the first time since 1964 that Florida was slammed by four hurricanes in one season and caused \$1.7 billion in damage.

This year's hurricane season, which began June 1, may prove to be just as stormy.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists predict a 70-percent chance of above-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic region.

The outlook calls for 12 to 15 tropical storms, with seven to nine becoming full-fledged hurricanes and three to five bulking up to become major hurricanes. The threat of hurricanes in the Pacific is below normal, scientists said.

"Each year, from June through November, Americans living on the Eastern seaboard and along the Gulf of Mexico face an increased threat of hurricanes," President George Bush said.

"To prepare for the 2005 hurricane season, I urge all our citizens to become aware of the dangers of hurricanes and tropical storms and to learn how to minimize their destructive effects," he said.



Photo by Maj. Alex Carothers  
**FLORIDA** — Grace Mangold, 16 months old at the time, looks away from a pile of debris that once was the contents of her home a few days after Hurricane Ivan slammed into this coastal community near Hurlburt Field.

## Hurricane awareness takes Hurlburt by storm

By Senior Airman  
Mareshah Haynes  
Public Affairs

What do I do with my trash cans? Where can I take my pets? What happens if a hurricane hits while I am deployed? Will I get reimbursed for lodging if I have to evacuate? What should I take with me and what should I leave behind? How will I know when it is safe to return?

These are some of questions that were asked at the hurricane awareness briefings held at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. recently by the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight at the Deployment Control Center here.

Capt. Conor Grace, 16th CES Readiness Flight officer, and his team of briefers, passed on important information on hurricane awareness, preparedness and safety to an audience of military members, civilians and family members.

Second Lt. Rich Bollinger of the 16th Operational Support Squadron Weather Flight explained the differences between a tropical depression, tropical storm and a hurricane.

A tropical depression is an unorganized system of clouds and thunderstorms with sustained winds of 38 mph, said Lieutenant Bollinger. A tropical storm has organized winds of 39-73 mph, and a hurricane is an intense tropical weather system with well-defined circulation and wind of 74 or greater.

Lieutenant Bollinger also explained how hurricanes are formed and the anatomy of a hurricane.

Airman 1st Class Samantha Sawyer, 16th CES readiness, briefed

evacuation procedures, putting together a hurricane kit, keeping a stock of necessary supplies and important phone numbers to keep handy during a hurricane.

Some items that should be included in a hurricane kit are an inventory of property, one gallon of water per person per day, nonperishable foods, first aid kit, manual can openers, batteries, extra clothes and shoes, cash, important papers, pet supplies and important phone numbers, said Airman Sawyer.

Jim Pugh, the Hurlburt Field Red Cross station manager, shared information about what military members can do if their homes are damaged in a hurricane while they are deployed.

Normally members are allowed to leave the deployed location long enough to take care of the damages then return back to the deployed location, said Mr. Pugh.

American Red Cross volunteer Lottie Reed, of Health and Safety at the Walton DeFuniak office, said that the Red Cross is here to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

"The Red Cross is always looking for volunteers to work in booths, do office work and volunteer for the disaster action team," said Mrs. Reed.

The family support center had representatives at the briefings who provided pamphlets and CDs with hurricane preparedness information, which are available by contacting Barbara Weber at the FSC (884-5441).

The FSC provided tips such as secure loose roofing and siding, secure outdoor furniture and equipment, trim dead or broken tree branches and board sliding glass doors and windows to prevent roof damage.

## Gaining access to base with new POVs is no easy task

By Jamie Haig  
Public Affairs

A small building located at the main gate is the first stop for any visitor, whether permanent or temporary.

The visitor control center is where people get a temporary vehicle pass or a vehicle decal. The requirements are simple: a copy of the vehicle registration, an insurance card, driver's license and military identification, if applicable. A base sponsor will need to be present at the time of check in if you're not military, Department of Defense, or civil service.

No exceptions.

Hours at the VCC are from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. USProtect, the civilian security company that protects both gates, takes over writing vehicle passes after duty hours and on weekends; USProtect doesn't issue decals during this time period.

"It's a fine line between being an ambassador to the base and force protection," said Tech Sgt. Aldrich Jones, 16th Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of Pass and Registration. "We treat all visitors with respect. If there's a security incident

on base, the first question asked is 'how did you get on base?'"

Joel Gardner and Will Roan have been working in the tiny six-by-10 foot VCC office for many years. The VCC processes several thousands of people a month. The pass and registration office and VCC combined make the 16th Pass and Registration office the busiest customer service office on base.

"What people don't realize is that we don't set the policy, we only enforce," said Mr. Roan. "They take out their frustrations on us, when all we are trying to do is serv-

ice their needs."

During a two-hour time period Monday morning, that statement came true. One visitor was denied access because she lacked an insurance card. Mr. Gardner indicated that similar situations are common, and personnel and family members typically lose patience.

In another instance, a base member needed a temporary pass for the vehicle. When asked for the car's registration, he said he didn't have it.

Again, Mr. Gardner said that this was neces-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Holly Wangelin  
An Airman from the 16th Security Forces Squadron (left), and a visitor control center worker issue passes at the visitor control center.

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Hwy. 98 sometimes forces the gate to close.

Lieutenant Aftanas said that the contractor will extend the turn lane for people coming from the Fort Walton Beach side of Hwy. 98 all the way through the gates, as well as pave a separate vehicle inspection area, which will eliminate the need for cars to merge immediately after exiting the highway.

Capt Keri Walker, 16th Security Forces Squadron operations officer, said, "(The change will) put everything in the proper spot. It will ease traffic flow on and off base and consolidate the way we do

business. It should make our lives easier."

For those headed off base through the main gate, the two lanes headed west will have the added safety feature of a stoplight managing traffic onto Hwy. 98.

"Traffic flow during the construction will be normal," Lieutenant Aftanas said. "The contractor will mitigate impact by working nights and weekends."

Improvements to the main gate have been a cooperative effort between Florida Department of Transportation, Okaloosa County and base civil engineers.

The new lanes are steps toward a \$6.5 million overhaul of the Hurlburt Field main gate scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2006.

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During a four-month deployment, Airman Turek helped conduct firefighting operations at a fire house that provided fire and rescue emergency service for more than 2,000 coalition warfighters. She responded to more than 140 emergencies ensuring absolutely no loss of life or coalition assets.

Her fellow firefighters have enjoyed razzing Airman Turek about her 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year selection. She said that the deputy fire chief has jokingly offered her some grease to squeeze her head through the firehouse doors, but it's all in good fun because fellow firefighters lauded her achievement without hesitation.

"Every member of the fire department would trust her with their lives. She can handle any situation we might face," said Aaron Grindland, rescue crew chief.

Airman Turek's reputation also extends outside the fire house.

"She's an outstanding representative for her unit, group and wing," said Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Dillon, 16th Mission Support Group superintendent. "Over the next year, she'll show the rest of the Air Force what Commando spirit is about and why they're usually getting pelted by our prop wash."

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sary.

"Security is tighter because the Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command is located here. We need to make sure we follow all procedures, yet we're constantly compared to procedures at Eglin Air Force Base," Sergeant Jones said.

"Each Department of Defense installation has a different commander and potentially fall under a different command that provides guidance specifically within its command," said Sergeant Jones.

Conferences and classes on base are handled in a simple way. The point of contact sends a list of names to the 16th SFS at least 24 hours in advance.

Police services authenti-

cates the list and creates vehicle passes to be handed out. The attendee shows their military ID card and driver's license and it's compared to the master list.

"The bigger the event, the more time we need," said Tech. Sgt. Victor Lupo, 16th SFS NCOIC of antiterrorism and force protection. "Time and planning are everything. If you give enough advance notice for an event such as a wedding, they will create some very nice vehicle passes for the guests' cars."

Contractors are required to follow the same measures as visiting personnel.

"We have a great bunch of guys just trying to do their job. Please try to be courteous," said Capt. Keri Walker, 16th SFS Operations Officer. "Don't show up at the last minute and expect to get on base quickly."

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# Customs & Courtesies

## *Paying respect during retreat*

According to *Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241V1, Section 7.10.3.7*, uniformed military members not assigned to a formation face the flag (if it is visible) or the music and assume the position of parade rest on the first note of retreat. Upon completion of retreat, they should assume the position of attention and salute on the first note of the national anthem or "To the Colors."

When "To the Colors" or the national anthem is playing, according to *AFPAM 36-2241V1, Section 7.5.2*, all vehicles in motion should come to a stop at the first note of the music, and the occupants should sit quietly until the music ends.

Also, according to *AFPAM 36-2241V1, Section 7.5.3*, when in civilian clothes, face the flag (or the sound of the music if the flag is not visible) and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.



Photo by Staff Sergeant Holly Wangelin

## *Keep your head 'clear'*

*Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4* restricts the use of headphones and earphones. The wearing of portable headphones, earphones or other listening devices while operating a motor vehicle, jogging, running, bicycling, skating or skate boarding on roads and streets on DOD installations is prohibited.

Use of these devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, the approach of vehicles and human speech.

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# Commando careers: *It's their business*

By Staff Sgt. Tamara Iverson  
16th MSS

The Mission Support Squadron Career Enhancements section serves all in-garrison and deployed Hurlburt Field Military personnel – active duty and Reserve.

The career enhancements section creates positive experiences and wins raving fans by providing professional, customer-focused evaluations, promotions, testing and retainability services.

Career enhancements supports all commanders in the management and processing of evaluation reports and provides weekly EPR/OPR timeliness stats to the wing commander and Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command.

The section ensures more than 6,000 enlisted personnel are administered tests under the Weighted Airman Promotion System. This includes monitoring and tracking members who will test out of cycle due to the intense deployment commitment.

Career enhancements is the sole agency for ensuring members obtain the required retainability to continue their service to meet the needs of deployment, permanent change of station and promotion. They screen, process and distribute all guidance and notification information concerning every facet of enlisted and officer promotions.

In the future, the career enhancement section plans to enhance our relationship with commander support staffs across the base. Other goals include educating customers by disseminating accurate, up-to-date career enhancement products and information via the intranet MSS Website and to be the best military personnel flight Section in the Air Force.

An interesting fact about the career enhancements is Capt. Angel Lugo, Section Chief, used to work for the testing examiner, retired Senior Master Sgt. Michael Dupre, when he first entered the Air Force as an Airman in 1989 at Beale Air Force Base in California.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Holly Wangelin

**A member of the 16th Mission Support Squadron Career Enhancements helps a military member complete a form regarding his military career.**



**A member of the 16th MSS Career Enhancements updates personnel files on the computer. A Master Sgt. (right), 16th MSS Career enhancements helps a customer at the military personnel flight.**





# Military

## Changes of command

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at Freedom Hangar today at 9 a.m., when Lt. Col. Stuart Lum will relinquish command of the 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron to Lt. Col. Mary Behne. uniform of the day is BDUs.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at the Soundside club ballroom today at 10 a.m., when Lt. Col. Randy Brawley will relinquish command of the 705th Training Squadron to Lt. Col. Rolanda Burnett. UOD is BDUs.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at Commando Hanger Monday at 9 a.m., when Lt. Col. Mark Hicks will relinquish command of the 14th Weapons Squadron to Lt. Col. Chris Kaufman. UOD is BDUs.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit hangar Thursday at 9 a.m., when Lt. Col. Peter Robichaux will relinquish command of the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to Maj. Michael Morreale. UOD is BDUs.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at Commando Hanger July 5 at 9 a.m., when Lt. Col. Stephen Clark will relinquish command of the 4th Special Operations Squadron to Lt. Col. Robert Monroe. UOD is BDUs.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at Freedom Hangar July 6 at 10 a.m., when Col. Brian Greenshields will relinquish command of the 16th Operations Group to Col. Mark Alsid. UOD is BDUs. There will be two busses to ferry personnel to the hangar beginning at 9 a.m. Pick-up locations will be at the base exchange and shoppette parking lots and at the 16th OG building. Busses will be leaving every seven to eight minutes and will run for 30 minutes after the ceremony.

A change-of-command ceremony will be held at Freedom Hangar July 7 at 10 a.m., when Col. O.G. Mannon will relinquish command of the 16th Special Operations Wing to Col. Norman Brozenick, Jr. UOD is BDUs. There will be two busses to ferry personnel to the hangar beginning at 9 a.m. Pick-up locations will be at the mini mall and base exchange parking lots. Busses will be leaving every seven to eight minutes and will run for 30 minutes after the ceremony.

## Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group Clinic will close today at 11 a.m. for an official function.

## Asian-Pacific course

The U.S. Special Operations School invites all Special Operators to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course from June 27 to July 1. The course is designed for anyone preparing to live in or deploy to the Asian-Pacific region, those who are from the region or have an analytical interest in the region. Registration begins June 27 at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Capt. Jae Sim at 884-1858 or visit [www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/](http://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/).

## Cultural course

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School invites all Special Operations personnel to attend a Cross Cultural Communications Course from June 27 to July 1. The course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy overseas, who work with international military personnel and those with a professional or analytical interest in international studies. For more information, call Capt. Apryl Cymbal at 884-4472 or visit [www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/](http://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/).

## N.Y. Air Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1C3X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3A&B, 2A6X1,

# Hurlburt Happenings

2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2S0X2, 2T2X1, 2T332B, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X3, 3E7X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S0X1, 4A0X1, 4N0X1, X4N0X1, 4A251 and 6F051. For more information, call (800) 524-5070, or visit [www.skibird.com](http://www.skibird.com).

## Puerto Rico ANG

The Puerto Rico Air National Guard is seeking qualified members who are separating or applying for palace chase, might be moving to Puerto Rico and looking to continue their service on a part-time basis. More specifically, the Puerto Rico ANG is seeking pilots, navigators, flight engineers and loadmasters who are currently qualified on C-130s. For more information, call Master Sgt. William Andujar at 884-2729 or Master Sgt. Joseph Mendez at DSN 740-9202.

## N.J. Air National Guard

The New Jersey Air National Guard is looking for eligible personnel to receive valuable Air Force experience one weekend a month and two weeks a year. The N.J. ANG offers incentives such as college loan repayments, free college tuition at all state-run colleges for undergraduate and graduate degrees and use of Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits. For more information, call the 108th Air Refueling Wing's Recruiting Office at (866) 466-5264 or visit [www.108arw.ang.af.mil](http://www.108arw.ang.af.mil).

# Community

## Free childcare

The next Give Parents a Break will be held July 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free child care is provided for eligible families with children 6 months to 12 years old. This program is sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society for qualified spouses of deployed or remote active-duty members or emergency situations. For more information, call 884-4300.

## Car center closure

The Hurlburt Field Car Care Center will close at 8 p.m. Sunday for necessary building maintenance. For more information, call Odette Ingham at 581-2224.

## Claims

Anyone with a claim for or against Maj. Brian Downs, 6th Special Operations Squadron, should call 1st Lt. Eric Bernkopf at 884-8382/5136.

Anyone with a claim for or against Capt. Derek Argel, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, should call 1st Lt. Anna Hamman at 884-5191 or 581-0228.

Anyone with a claim for or against Capt. Jeremy Fresques, 23rd STS, should call 1st Lt. Cynthia Strickland at 884-5191 or (757) 927-4808.

Anyone with a claim for or against Staff Sgt. Casey Crate, 23rd STS, should call Capt. Morgan D'Olympia at 881-2717 or 862-1737.

## Religious representatives

The Hurlburt Field Chapel is looking for points of contact for Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist, Orthodox and Latter Day Saints faiths. Those interested in helping ensure these faiths are represented at Hurlburt Field should call Master Sgt. Salvador Manalang at 884-7795.

## School-program registration

Registration for the 2005-2006 Before-and-After-School Program will be held July 5-8 for families currently enrolled in the program. Open registration will be held July 11-15 at the youth programs office (Building 90337). This year, service will include all Navarre elementary and middle schools. For more information, call 884-6355.

## Cash rewards program

The Military Free Cash Rewards Program is a "cash-back" program offered to all club membership cardhold-

ers. Members earn two points for every dollar in purchases made at the 16th Services Squadron activities and the base exchange. One point earned for BX fuel purchases. After accumulating 2,500 points, members may redeem them for a \$25 check or a \$25 gift card/certificate from brand-name companies. For more information, call 884-6469.

## Scholarship contest

Air Force Clubs is giving away \$25,000 in scholarships. Six scholarships will be awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000, for higher education costs. Scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay entitled "My Hero and Why" (essays exceeding 500 words will be disqualified).

Entries must be submitted to either J.R. Rockers (club membership window) or the Soundside club by July 15. Current Air Force Club members and their families who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2005 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible. For more information, visit [www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/links.html](http://www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services/links.html).

## Dental assisting class

The 96th Medical Group at Eglin Air Force Base is accepting applications for the American Red Cross Dental Assisting class. The next class is scheduled to start July 11 and continue through the end of the year. To apply, visit the Eglin AFB dental clinic to apply.

## Bicycle claim

The 16th Security Forces Squadron Investigations Section has numerous bicycles that were seized as abandoned property from the Hurlburt Field dormitories May 25. If you think any of these bicycles belong to you, call 884-7705. Proof of ownership must be presented upon claiming bicycles.

# Volunteer

## EEO counselor

Hurlburt Field is in need of a collateral equal employment opportunity counselor to set up and run an EEO program for the base. It would involve establishing and publicizing a new program, being the base alternative dispute resolution champion, assisting employees with discrimination complaint issues and keeping the commander apprised of EEO issues. Those interested should provide a résumé to Gary Stewart at 884-5219.

## FSC volunteer opportunities

The family support center has many volunteer opportunities available through its volunteer resource program office. Some opportunities include the Loan Closet, Airman's Attic and Meals on Wheels. For more information, call Dee Dee Rodriguez at 884-1533.

## Chapel help

The Hurlburt Field Chapel is looking for a list of five to 10 volunteers who would be available to help answer phones for three hours per week on days when the receptionist is on leave. For more information, call Senior Airman John McIntosh or Andy Ramos at 884-7795.

# Classes

## HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

**Running Shoe Clinic** – Monday, 1 p.m.

**Healthy Living Workshop** – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

**Fitness Improvement Program** – Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

**Body Composition Improvement Program** – Tuesday, 1 p.m.





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 click on TV or radio to find out what's happening  
 around the Air Force.



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### AF Club Card has new look

With Bank One and Chase Bank merging, the Air Force club card is being redesigned. Chase Bank is due to reissue the new cards in August and September. The cards will have the same membership benefits, rate and terms.

## DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844.

## Hurlburt Field Chapel



Religious Education: September – May  
**Protestant Services**

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)

Religious Education: August – May

Youth and Singles groups available

**Jewish Services** (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.,

Eglin Chapel Center

**Muslim Services** (882-2111), Eglin

Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795.

**Catholic Mass**

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m.,

or by request

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday

## At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.  
 Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

**Hurlburt Field**

Friday and Sunday

**House of Wax (R)**

Saturday

**XXX: State of Union (PG-13)**

**Eglin Air Force Base**

Friday

**Kingdom of Heaven (R)**

Saturday

**Monster-in-Law (PG-13)**

Sunday

**Unleashed (R)**

For up-to-date movie schedules, call Hurlburt Field at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base at 882-1066.  
 For movie information, visit [www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm](http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm).

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# Former professional athletes visit Airmen in Southwest Asia

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**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Airmen from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing at a forward-deployed location received a special visit June 12 and 13, courtesy of the United States Services Organization, and they went big, very big, with the celebrity guest list.

National Basketball Association player and current hoops talking head, Charles Barkley, was one of two former professional athletes to visit.

For the thousands of Airmen and joint and coalition forces who were thrilled by the appearance, there were still some folks to feel sorry for.

There was Roy Green, who accompanied Mr. Barkley on the tour. Mr. Green, a 14-year National Football League wide receiver had to feel a bit like Angelina Jolie's stunt dou-

ble. So very close, but not the star everyone had come to see. As fast as he was on the field, there was no way to keep up with the hyper-speed flow of humor that poured from Mr. Barkley's mouth.

Then there was the group of 25 lottery-lucky base members who were hand-picked to meet the celebrity athletes at the dining facility for dinner and a chat. They fell victim to the unpredictable time table of "Hurricane Charles."

Visiting an in-theater Army base before his arrival, the combination of pick-up basketball games and pick-out Army grunts for one-liners delayed the former NBA's most valuable player's arrival for dinner.

Already a half hour late upon entrance, the start time didn't seem anywhere closer in sight when Mr. Barkley and a buffet tray aligned forces.

"Man, he is huge," said Staff Sgt. DeQurlous

Derrick, 379th Services Squadron dining facility Airman who assembled Mr. Barkley's plate.

"I was worried we might not have food left for anyone else after he came through."

Finally seated with the guests but before he could even grab the salt, Mr. Barkley was peppered with questions that were part current-player assessment, part "Chuck Roast."

"Everyone wanted to know who he thought was currently the best at their position," said Master Sgt. Douglas Guyton.

Seeing his rather robust appearance now, one gutsy diner asked Mr. Barkley if he still plays competitive ball.

"No," Mr. Barkley snapped with a big laugh. "I'd kill myself out there."

After the meal, as everyone traveled to the autograph session, Mr. Green had time to create a military rank while accusing Mr. Barkley of thievery.

"Right now, if I punched

Buck Private Barkley's pockets, he'd pour out two pounds of cookie crumbs," the two-time NFL pro-bowl receiver said.

The autograph session was supposed to last two hours, ending the athletes' elongated day at 10 p.m.

For reasons he made clear later, Mr. Barkley did not hesitate to go into overtime, finishing more than an hour later.

"We wanted to get 'em all through," he said. "I couldn't believe how enthusiastic the troops were here. (Despite the hardships) everybody is in a good mood. It made me glad and excited I made the trip."

As part of the 1992 Olympic "Dream Team," he said he instantly recognized the characteristics all winning clubs have.

"Like any really good team, the cool thing here is the great camaraderie," he said. "Everyone took turns taking pics holding each others camera."

While making memories for the more than 6,000 joint and coalition forces here, Mr. Barkley said there was also a moment that will live with him forever.

"One of the troops said his mom had brought him to meet me as a boy 20 years ago when I was with the (Philadelphia 76ers)," Mr. Barkley said. "He told me his mom passed last week, and he thought that was the reason I was here right now."

The following day, the athletes made their way to the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group to visit with patients.

Heading out to another U.S. military theater installation for another round of autographs and wide-eyed stares from dining facility staff members, he summed up the visit as only Mr. Barkley can.

"I'm not blowing smoke," he said. "This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life."

## Tennis club

The Hurlburt Field Tennis Club meets every Wednesday 5 to 7 p.m. at the tennis courts beside the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School.

The tennis club is an informal group of people interested in playing tennis and requires one can of new tennis balls to join. The play will consist of eight game pro sets with no add scoring.

All players will move up or down and switch partners. The club is open to all Hurlburt Field personnel. For more information, e-mail Vicki Helton at vicki.helton@hurlburt.af.mil.

## Cheerleading clinic

Youth programs will hold a summer cheerleading clinic for youth ages 6 and up July 9 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Commando Fitness Center. Cost is \$15 per youth. Register no later than today at the youth center. For more information, call 884-6355.

## Coaches needed

Youth sports is seeking volunteers interested in coaching youth soccer and flag football. Openings are available for all age groups (5-13 for soccer, 6-14 for flag football). Stop by the youth center for a packet or for more information, call 884-6355.

## Upcoming sports

Horseshoes will begin in September. For more information about sporting activities, call Jim Harriot at 884-6949.

## Cheerleading registration

Cheerleading registration runs July 1 through Aug. 1 (ages 6 and up) to support the flag football and basketball teams. Cost is \$20 per person. Participants will receive a T-shirt, certificate and memento (uniform not included).

A parents' meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m., Aug. 17, at the base theater. For more information, call 884-6355.

## Youth sports registration

Soccer and flag football registration will be held July 1 through Aug. 1. Practice begins Aug. 22. Games will be played Sept. 17 through Nov. 29. Cost is \$45 per player or \$90 for two or more players in the same family.

Soccer players must be ages 5-14 as of Aug. 31. Soccer evaluations will be conducted Aug. 9 at the large soccer field by age groups: ages 8-9 at 5:30 p.m.; ages 10-11 at 6 p.m.; ages 12-14 at 6:30 p.m.

Flag football players must be ages 7-15 as of Aug. 31. Games will be played at the Fort Walton Beach YMCA. Flag football evaluations will be conducted Aug. 15 on

Field 4 at the Community Park by age groups: ages 7-8 at 5:30 p.m.; ages 9-10 at 6 p.m.; ages 11-15 at 6:15 p.m.

All youth participating in the youth sports program must have an annual physical examination, and provide a copy of their birth certificate or military identification card. For more information, call 884-6355.

## Rugby season

The Okaloosa Rugby Football Club is looking for new players at all levels of experience for the spring and summer seasons. For more information, call J.C. at 882-1858 or e-mail john.colletta@eglin.af.mil.

## Family Fun Run

The Freedom 5K Family & Kiddie Fun Run will be held June 30 at the Aderholt Fitness Center. Check-in time for this free event is 6:30 a.m. The "kiddie" run, ages 12 and under, starts at 7 a.m. The fun run follows at 7:30 a.m.

This event is open to active duty or retired military personnel, Department of Defense civilian employees, their families and authorized guests. All ages are encouraged to participate. A random drawing for prizes is also planned.

For more details, call Aderholt Fitness at 884-6884 or Commando Fitness at 884-4412.

